



Blackboard
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Blackboard Day Sam Houston State

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

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9:30-9:40

Welcome from Blackboard & Sam Houston State (*CJ Center Courtroom*)
Jacob Spradlin

9:40-10:50

EDUCATE. Best Practices in Online Education (*CJ Center Courtroom*)
John Dennett, Sales Engineer
Tracy Farley, Client Solutions Manager.

This session will focus on leading best practices in online education. John and Tracy have 10 years of combined e-learning experience developing and supporting online courses and programs. Their interactive presentation will touch on the following topics:

- Effective use of discussion boards
- Effective course design
- Understanding copyright issues
- Strategies for Success: Utilizing the Blackboard Academic Suite™
- Resources for Continued Research

This session is ideal for instructional technologists, individuals involved in distance or online learning at their institutions, individuals who are involved in the management of instructional technologies on campus and professionals who help support faculty in their course design and development.

10:50 – 11:00

Break

11:00-11:45

INNOVATE. Blackboard Update: Application Pack 3 Update and Upcoming Release Enhancements (*CJ Center Courtroom*)
John Dennett, Sales Engineer
Tracy Farley, Client Solutions Manager.

Enjoy this live in-depth demonstration of the exciting new teaching and learning tools that are available through Application Pack 3. In addition, the upcoming features of Release 7 for the Academic Suite including Blackboard's Backpack and Blackboard's newly announced "Project Caliper" initiative, will be introduced and discussed.

11:45-12:20

EDUCATE. Ask the Blackboard Expert (*CJ Center Courtroom*)

Interested in using a new Blackboard tool? Don't know quite how it works? Here's your chance to try to stump the Blackboard expert!

12:30-1:50

Lunch (*LSC 320*)

1:00 – 1:50

EVERYWHERE. Blackboard Communities of Practice (*LSC 320*)
Tracy Farley, Client Solutions Manager

During this short, but informative discussion, Tracy will discuss:

- The value of being a member of the Blackboard community
- Regional and national events
- Resources for Blackboard faculty and staff

2:00 – 3:20

EDUCATE. Blackboard Course Spotlights (CJ Center Courtroom)

Dr. Tom Chasteen, Professor of Chemistry and Dr. Carol Ritter Clinical Professor, Educational Leadership and Counseling

Two faculty members from Sam Houston State will take the spotlight to highlight innovative techniques they utilize in their Blackboard course. Sit back, relax and get ready to steal some great ideas!

3:20 – 3:30

Break

3:30 – 4:15

INNOVATE. Extending the Learning Environment with Blackboard's Building Blocks (CJ Center Courtroom)

John Dennett, Sales Engineer

Tracy Farley, Client Solutions Manager.

Blackboard's Building Blocks technology allows institutions to 1) extend the Academic Suite with new functionality, 2) provide customizations to meet discipline-specific and pedagogical needs, 3) aid in system administration, 4) automate procedures and repetitive tasks, and 5) act as a bridge application between Blackboard and external systems or applications.

During the hour, a Blackboard representative will demonstrate several third-party applications and discuss the associated benefits for students, faculty and staff.

4:15

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